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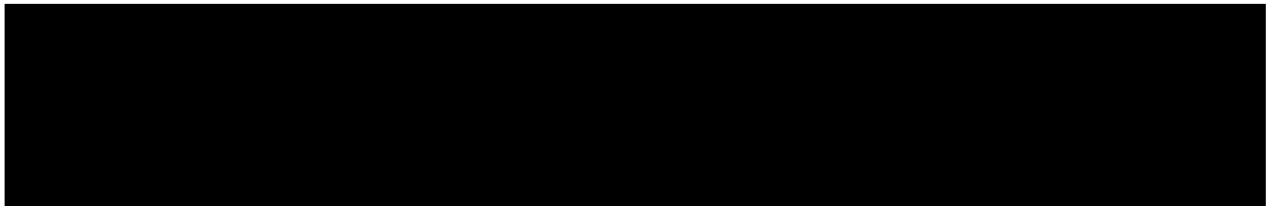
CLANDESTINE SERVICE SUPPORT OFFICERS' MEETING

DDS Conference Room

31 March 1971

1. Present were:

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2. No items from the DDP Staff Meeting.

3. Items of interest from the DDS Staff Meeting:

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a. Director of National Estimates Mr. Coffey announced [REDACTED] will be retiring 16 April and will be replaced by his Deputy, John W. Huizenga.

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b. VIP Mr. Fisher reported that as of Tuesday morning, Personnel has received 1,100 requests for the brochure and prospectuses on the Voluntary Investment Program.

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c. [REDACTED] who has been the Regional Medical Officer in [REDACTED] has been designated the Chief of the Selection Processing Division, OMS, in Rosslyn. This is the position [REDACTED] had before his recent assignment to Headquarters.

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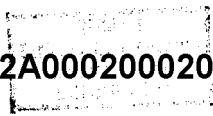
4. Other items of interest:

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a. Personnel Changes Today [REDACTED] completes almost 7 1/2 years as SSA-DD/S. Tomorrow he becomes Executive Officer to the DD/S to replace [REDACTED] who is off to Saigon until mid-August. [REDACTED] and I assume our new positions effective tomorrow.

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b. Shipment of Foreign Made Vehicles We have just learned that State is proposing to tighten up the provisions of 6 FAM 165.2 to provide that the cost of transporting a motor vehicle from an overseas post of assignment to the United States is allowable only when the motor vehicle has been in the possession of the employee, or a member of his family authorized to travel and used at the overseas post of assignment for a minimum of 90 days prior to the employee's date of departure from post. State has found there have been instances of employees, upon receiving notification of reassignment to the U.S., ordering a new foreign made vehicle. In another instance an employee who had returned to the U.S. requested approval for the shipment of a new car from [REDACTED] at government expense. We have sent copies of the proposed revision to the Chairman of the Travel Policy Committee.

c. Use of American and Foreign Airlines State is coordinating a revision to 6 FAM 134 which would align their regulations with those of other government agencies; eliminate the penalty provision now in 6 FAM 134; greatly reduce the number of travel disallowances; and permit more indirect travel on foreign flag air carriers than is now permissible. The Travel Policy Committee has this proposal and will probably recommend that our regulations conform to whatever State agrees on.

d. Mode of Travel Effective 15 March 1971, State has revised 6 FAM 130 which encourages the use of air transportation for the performance of official travel and discourages travel on time-consuming freighters. The Travel Policy Committee will probably recommend a similar change to our regulations.

e. Proposed Allowances Changes As a result of the Macomber Task Force No. 5, State will soon ask that the Congress amend certain overseas differentials and allowance provisions. There are a couple of immediate interest to us, the first being an extension of educational allowances to include kindergarten. State points out that the majority of the 5 year old children in the U.S. attend public kindergarten and that Federal employees assigned abroad should receive allowances to send their children to kindergarten as they do for classes 1 through 12. Another item of great interest is the proposal to increase the educational travel allowance to permit one round trip per year between a foreign point and the U.S. to obtain undergraduate college or other public secondary education. You will note the proposal would be to extend benefits to employees whose children do not attend college but who are in other useful and legitimate courses of study such as nursing, technical or vocational schools.

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f. Cover Support Branch, CCS We were given a copy of Erich's [REDACTED] 22 March 1971 and felt you should have it for reference.

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g. Approval of Optional Equipment for Vehicles You should have [REDACTED] which authorizes your Chief to redelegate to you approval for optional equipment for vehicles.

h. Retirement Legislation Harry Fisher tells us that it is unlikely the Civil Service Commission proposed legislation to liberalize the Civil Service Retirement System will become law before 31 May 1971. This is the proposal to compute annuities on the basis of the last CLI or at date of retirement, whichever is greater. Unless some arrangement can be made for the Agency and State to submit similar bills for consideration at the same time the CSRS change is being debated, we could again have the awkwardness of being able to apply the benefit to our participants in the CSRS but denying it to our participants in the CIARDS until a later date. Harry feels that CIARDS participants should not gamble that our Act will be amended concurrently with the CSRS and that they should plan on the 31 May 1971 date for retirement if that is of interest to them.

i. Distribution of Minutes of Support Chiefs' Meetings We believe the minutes of our meetings provide a useful reference for you on many of the items we discuss. The fact we send them "Eyes Only" to you is to enable you to control the use within your component. We feel you should not hesitate to share them with your staff, or if you wish, to excerpt for your various sections those items which might have continuing value to them as a point of reference.

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j. [REDACTED] The Washington Post this morning carried an item that [REDACTED] has died of a heart attack. General [REDACTED] was a member of the Board of National Estimates and later served for several months as Assistant Director for Personnel.

k. Approval Authorities in Clandestine Service We have given you revised pages 5 & 6 of Part "A" and the same pages from Part "B" together with pages 3 & 4 of the Headquarters Addendum to reflect the addition of travel for medical reasons to the "Approval Authorities" paper prepared by SSA/DDS.

l. Meeting at Department of Agriculture on Financial Systems On 15 March 1971 a member of the Analysis and Liaison Staff, Office of Finance, visited the Department of Agriculture to review some of their ADP accounting procedures, especially related to optical scanning techniques. One item of primary importance was revealed when it was discovered that the Department of Agriculture had received specific authorization (based on a revised 2 February 1970 GAO regulation) to report time and attendance to their ADP system on an exception basis. OF is exploring the feasibility and possible advantages of such a procedure for the Agency, particularly for field units.

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m. Promotion of "S" Careerists The DD/S has recently approved promotions to GS-14 for [REDACTED]